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**Perspective**

We have discussed perspective, the point of view of the narrator. What if the narrator were different for stories we have read? How would the change in the point of view change our reading of the story?

For example:

What if Mr. Bueller from “Seventh Grade” told the whole story? How would it be different?

The story might sound like this:

The first day of school is always unpredictable, especially with my new French students. They don’t know what to expect and I never know what to expect of them.

Oh, to be in seventh grade again. One of my students was so desperate to impress one of the girls in the class that he claimed to know French, but then delivered two lines of gobbledygook when I asked him to share some of his French knowledge.

I took pity on the boy. I remember when . . .

Now, you need to write as if the character named were the narrator of the following stories. What would they sound like as narrators? Choose one scene from each story and decide what that character would sound like as narrator.

1. What if William told the story of “All Summer in a Day”?

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1. What if Mrs. Price (the teacher) told the story of “Eleven”?

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1. What if Roger told the whole story of “Thank You, Ma’am”?

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1. What if Harrison Bergeron told the whole story of “Harrison Bergeron”?

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